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Gary and Dwight,

It has taken a while, but we finally have a draft of the Little Antietam Creek watershed assessment report ready for your review. This report summarizes the four AFO farm visits that EPA led and that MDE and MDA participated in back in Dec 2013-Jan 2014. The goal of the report is to provide a general view of how well the farms appeared to be complying with applicable state and federal regulations. In general, we found that Maryland's Nutrient Management Program is fairly comprehensive and addressed most environmental resource concerns on dairy farms. All four dairy farms were regulated under Maryland's Nutrient Management Program, and all four farms were generally in compliance with Maryland's Nutrient Management Program requirements. Maryland should be commended for its Nutrient Management Program, both in the requirements that Maryland has set forth and in how well Maryland is communicating those requirements to farmers and ensuring that farmers meet those expectations.

EPA will be sharing the final report in mid-February with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as part of EPA's commitments under the EPA-CBF settlement agreement. Before that happens, I wanted to send a draft to both MDE and MDA to read through and check the accuracy of our descriptions of Maryland's programs and their requirements. Please let me know of any errors/inconsistencies **by next Friday February 6, 2015**. That will give me time to make any needed changes before sharing the Final Report with CBF.

Thank you again for your help and support during these farm visits, as well as during the ongoing Maryland animal agriculture program assessment process. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call.

Thanks,

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